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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 40-42, 55, 56, 58, 59, 61-69 and 71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 40-42, 55-56, 58-59, 61-69, 71 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 7/24/2008 has been entered.

Amended claims were submitted on 9/11/2008.

Status of Claims:

Claims 1-39, 43-54, 57, 60, 70 are cancelled.

Claims 40-42, 55-56, 58-59, 61-69, 71 are pending.

Note: During the interview, the Examiner was assured by the attorney that the claims will be drawn to one embodiment however, the attorney has included different embodiments for different independent claims. All independent claims are drawn to different embodiment, in case of allowance the Examiner will propose only one embodiment (restrict to one invention), even for purpose of this examination all claims are examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 40-42, 55-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 40 is being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections. Particularly;

4th limitation - “submitting at least one of the first and second orders when completed on one side of a prospective trade for one of the plurality of bond instruments” is not clear submitted/transmitted/reported to whom? A step is missing who is submitting to whom.

8th limitation - “submitting the submitted orders as completed trading orders” is not clear submitted to whom? A step is missing who is submitting to whom.

“completed trading orders” is not clear, what is the structure for making the order complete? A step is missing who is submitting to whom.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 40-42, 55-56, 61-69, 71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCausland et al. (hereinafter McCausland - US 5,243,331) in view of Lawrence (US 5,915,209) and Hughes et al. (hereinafter Hughes - US 7,231,363).

Re. Claim 40, McCausland discloses order entry and execution for single or multiple and receiving using a computer a first order (an order or new bid/offer) from a first trader (a trader) specifying a first amount order [col. 15 lines 39-65; col. 22 lines 40-63 - first order and second order are inherent in McCausland, otherwise the trade cannot take place].

displaying the first and second orders including a plurality of data fields [McCausland - col. 19 line 48 through col. 20 line 14];

submitting at least one of the first and second orders when completed on one side of a prospective trade for one of the plurality of bond instruments [McCausland - Figures 5-7; col. 17 line 25 through col. 18 line 53; col. 23 lines 59-60 - send];

displaying the submitted orders for broadcast [McCausland - col. 2 line 67 through col. 3 line 16; col. 13 lines 8-21 - It is obvious that for anonymously trading the orders have to be authorized to be displayed to the other party];

submitting the submitted orders as completed trading orders [McCausland - col. 23 lines 6-68; col. 2 lines 56-67; col. 12 lines 40-46];

matching the completed trading orders using a price/time priority in combination with at least one of predetermined order conditions comprising at least one of:

a "Fill or Kill" order condition by immediately filling the order in its entirety or by

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canceling the order when the order is not immediately filled;

a "All or None" order condition by filling the entire quantity of the order;

a "Minimum Fill" order condition by initially filling a first quantity and wherein the remaining balance has no conditions unless specified;

a "Lots Of" order condition by setting a condition of minimum execution in lots;

a "Show Only" order condition by managing the display of quantity;

a "Good Until a time of day" order condition by setting the time of order expiration in terms of a time of day;

a "Good For a period of time" order condition by setting the time of order expiration in terms of hours and minutes; and

a "Quantity" order condition by including the remaining quantity [McCausland - col. 2 lines 50-65; col. 22 line 40 through col. 23 line 30]; and

executing automatically trading of the completed trading orders upon selection by one of the plurality of traders of a particular trading order comprising a bid or offer being displayed [col. 1 lines 30-35; col. 22 line 40 through col. 24 line 5].

McCausland does not explicitly disclose authorizing broadcast of at least part of the submitted orders to plurality of traders; transmitting the submitted orders authorized for broadcast using the computer to each of the plurality of traders without disclosing an identity of each trader associated with each order being broadcast; and receiving using a computer a first order from a first trader specifying a first amount; and receiving using the computer a second order and from a second trader specifying a second amount that is disclosed to other traders.

However Lawrence discloses authorizing broadcast of at least part of the submitted orders to plurality of traders; transmitting the submitted orders authorized for broadcast using the computer to each of the plurality of traders without disclosing an identity of each trader associated with each order being broadcast [Lawrence - Abstract; col. 3 line 40 through col. 4 line 10; col. 5 lines 30-32; col. 8 lines 3-8; col. 16 lines 22-30]. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the disclosure of McCausland and include authorizing broadcast of at least part of the submitted orders to plurality of traders; transmitting the submitted orders authorized for broadcast using the computer to each of the plurality of traders without disclosing an identity of each trader associated with each order being broadcast, as disclosed by Lawrence, to enable the traders to distribute the list of bids/offer to authorized counterparties for their evaluation and accepting/rejecting the deal to consummate the trade.

Hughes discloses receiving using a computer a first order from a first trader specifying a first amount; and receiving using the computer a second order and from a second trader specifying a second amount that is disclosed to other traders [Hughes - US 7231363 Abstract; Figures 1, 6-7; col. 1 lines 57-67; col. 3 lines 13-30]. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the disclosure of McCausland and Lawrence and include the above feature, as disclosed by Hughes, to generate list of different candidates based on their orders and CUSIP to be forwarded for matching server's matching routine for determining when the two orders match and should be forwarded for execution.

Re. Claim 41, McCausland discloses wherein the plurality of different types of bond instruments include one or more of the following: high-yield bonds, corporate bonds, emerging market bonds, convertible bonds, derivative instruments comprised of bonds, and municipal bonds [col. 2 lines 50-65; col. 3 lines 7-20; col. 4 lines 16-22; see "government securities ... notes"; col. 22 lines 40 to col. 23 lines 10 "multi-order trader and automatic bid or offer"].

Re. Claim 42, McCausland discloses the order for the issue selected is displayed in a small window on the trader's page and change a price, the trader can tick the price up and down (updating), and reporting every executed trade to all users in a scrolling ticker continually updated in each user's graphical user interface (window), there being one scrolling ticker for each bond instrument type [see Figures 1-2 and associated descriptions].

Re. Claims 55-56, McCausland discloses creating an audit trail for each order that includes creating an immutable record of every order modification [col. 13 lines 59-67; col. 21 lines 45-50], and wherein creating an immutable record includes tracing each order that was changed, recording when each order was changed, and recording the value of the order before and after the change [col. 13 lines 59-67; col. 21 lines 45-50].

Re. Claim 61, McCausland discloses displaying anonymously to a plurality of buyer dealers sell orders comprising different types of bond instruments offers for sale for different types of bond instruments; enabling the plurality of buyer dealers to anonymously submit buy orders and to buy at least one of the different types of bond instruments [col. 2 lines 50-65; col. 3 lines 7-20; col. 4 lines 16-22; see "government securities ... notes"; col. 22 lines 40 to col. 23 lines 10 "multi-order trader and automatic bid or offer"]; matching using a computer the buy orders and the sell orders for the one or more different types of bond instruments in a price and time priority basis in combination with at least one of predetermined order conditions comprising at least one of: a "Fill or Kill" order condition by immediately filling the order in its entirety or by canceling the order when the order is not immediately filled; an "All or None" order condition by filling the entire quantity of the order; a "Minimum Fill" order condition by initially filling a first quantity and wherein the remaining balance has no conditions unless specified; a "Lots Of" order condition by setting a condition of minimum execution in lots; a "Show Only" order condition by managing the display of quantity; a "Good Until a time of day" order condition by setting the time of order expiration in terms of a time of day; a "Good For a period of time" order condition by setting the time of order expiration in terms of hours and minutes; and

a "Quantity" order condition by including the remaining quantity [McCausland - col. 2 lines 50-65; col. 22 line 40 through col. 23 line 30]; and displaying all received

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trading orders forwarded from a controller for broadcast; submitting a completed trading order [McCausland - col. 23 lines 59-60].

McCausland *does not explicitly disclose* transmitting all trading orders using the computer wherein the buy orders and the sell orders are matched and authorized for broadcast to each of the plurality of buyer dealers and seller dealers that are matched without disclosing an identity of each of the buyer dealer and the seller dealer associated with each trading order being broadcast; enabling the plurality of buyer dealers to anonymously perform a query for different types of bond instruments; and reporting all the matched buy orders and sell orders.

Lawrence discloses transmitting all trading orders using the computer wherein the buy orders and the sell orders are matched and authorized for broadcast to each of the plurality of buyer dealers and seller dealers that are matched without disclosing an identity of each of the buyer dealer and the seller dealer associated with each trading order being broadcast [Lawrence US 5915209; Abstract; col. 3 line 40 through col. 4 line 10; col. 5 lines 30-32; col. 8 lines 3-8; col. 16 lines 22-30]]. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the disclosure of McCausland and include authorizing broadcast of at least part of the submitted orders to plurality of traders; transmitting the submitted orders authorized for broadcast using the computer to each of the plurality of traders without disclosing an identity of each trader associated with each order being broadcast, as disclosed by Lawrence, to enable the traders to distribute the list of bids/offer to

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authorized counterparties for their evaluation and accepting/rejecting the deal to consummate the trade.

Hughes discloses enabling the plurality of buyer dealers to anonymously perform a query for different types of bond instruments and reporting all the matched buy orders and sell orders [Hughes - Figure 11 and associated description; col. 1 lines 30-34; col. 21 lines 6-32]. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the disclosure of McCausland and Lawrence and include the above feature, as disclosed by Hughes, to generate list of different candidates based on their orders and CUSIP to be forwarded for matching server's matching routine for determining when the two orders match and should be forwarded for execution.

Re. Claims 62-69, McCausland a match include a "Quantity" greater than \$100,000 order condition; a "Fill or Kill" and an "All or None" order condition combination; a "Fill or Kill" and "Minimum Fill" order condition combination; a "Fill or Kill" and a "Show Only" and a "Lots Of" order condition combination; an "All or None" and a "Show Only" and a "Lots Of" order condition combination; a "Fill or Kill" and a "Lots Of" order condition combination; a "Fill or Kill" and a "Minimum Fill" and a "Lots Of" order condition combination; a "Fill or Kill" and a "Minimum Fill" and a "Lots Of" and a "Show Only" order condition combination; a "Fill or Kill" and a "Show Only" order condition combination; a "Fill or Kill" and a "Good Until a time of day" order condition combination; a "Fill or Kill" and a "Good For a period of time" order condition combination; an "All or

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None" and a "Minimum Fill" order condition combination; an "All or None" and a "Lots Of" order condition combination; an "All or None" and a "Minimum Fill" and a "Lots Of" order condition combination; an "All or None" and a "Minimum Fill" and a "Lots Of" and a "Show Only" order condition combination; an "All or None" and a "Show Only" order condition combination; an "All or None" and a "Show Only" and a "Lots Of" order condition combination; a "Minimum Fill" less than \$100M order condition; a "Minimum Fill" less than a "Lots Of" order condition combination; a "Minimum Fill" more than a "Quantity" order condition combination; a "Lots Of" not a multiple of a "Quantity" order condition combination; a "Lots Of" less than \$10M order condition; a "Lots Of" not equal to or a multiple of a "Minimum Fill" order condition combination; a "Show Only" less than \$100M order condition; a "Show Only" greater than a "Quantity" order condition combination; a "Show Only" less than a "Minimum Fill" order condition combination; **or** a "Lots Of" not a multiple of a "Show Only" order condition combination.

Lawrence discloses displaying a bond variety list; wherein said bond variety list includes at least one of insured bonds, pre-refunded bonds, callable bonds, bank-qualified bonds, AMT bonds, escrowed bonds, taxable bonds (known) [col. 1 line 1 through col. 2 line 60]. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the disclosure of McCausland and include the above features disclosed by Lawrence, to provide a comprehensive system for verity of bonds trading.

Hughes discloses enabling the plurality of buyer dealers to specify a bond instrument issuer, a CUSIP code, a US state, an issue type, and a purpose or set of

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purposes; displaying range specific data fields to the plurality of buyer dealers including a coupon range having a coupon minimum and maximum, a maturity range having an earliest and latest maturity date, a bond rating range having a rating minimum and maximum, a quantity range having a quantity minimum and maximum, a yield range having a yield minimum and maximum, and a price range having a price minimum and maximum; enabling the plurality of buyer dealers to specify a minimum and maximum coupon, an earliest and latest maturity date, a minimum and maximum bond rating, a minimum and maximum quantity, a minimum and maximum yield, and a minimum and maximum price; matching by the plurality of buyer dealers the different types of bond instruments being offered for sale; and submitting anonymously by at least one of the plurality of buyer dealers buy orders responsive to the displayed range specific data field; preventing a match under said predetermined conditions; wherein said predetermined order conditions preventing a match include; wherein a locked or crossed market can be unlocked or uncrossed by at least one of the plurality of buyer dealers or by at least one of the plurality of seller dealers entering an order with a better price than the displayed order locking or crossing the market; wherein a locked or crossed market can be unlocked or uncrossed without causing a trade to occur.

[Abstract; Figure 1; col. 9 lines 10-40; col. 16 lines 15-65; col. 17 line 37 through col. 20 line 60; col. 22 lines 6-22]. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the disclosure of McCausland and Lawrence and include the above feature, as disclosed by Hughes, to provide a comprehensive and integrated system with active rules for processing and

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trading of financial instrument over the Internet for investor, and brokers in real time.

Re. Claim 71, McCausland discloses displaying anonymously to a plurality of clients buy orders comprising different types of bond instruments offers for purchase for different types of bond instruments by a plurality of buyer dealers [col. 2 lines 50-65; col. 3 lines 7-20; col. 4 lines 16-22; see "government securities ... notes"; col. 22 lines 40 to col. 23 lines 10 "multi-order trader and automatic bid or offer"]; enabling the plurality of clients to anonymously submit sell orders and to sell at least one of the different types of bond instruments [McCausland - Figures 5-7; col. 17 line 25 through col. 18 line 53; col. 23 lines 59-60]; matching using a computer the buy orders and the sell orders for the one or more different types of bond instruments in a price and time priority basis in combination with at least one of predetermined order conditions comprising at least one of: a "Fill or Kill" order condition by immediately filling the order in its entirety or by canceling the order when the order is not immediately filled; an "All or None" order condition by filling the entire quantity of the order; a "Minimum Fill" order condition by initially filling a first quantity and wherein the remaining balance has no conditions unless specified; a "Lots Of" order condition by setting a condition of minimum execution in lots; a "Show Only" order condition by managing the display of quantity; a "Good Until a time of day" order condition by setting the time of order expiration in terms of a time of day; a "Good For a period of time" order condition by setting the time of order expiration in terms of hours and minutes; and a "Quantity" order condition by including the remaining quantity [col. 2 lines 50-65; col. 22 line 40 through col. 23 line

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30];

displaying all received trading orders forwarded from a controller for broadcast submitting a completed trading order; and reporting all the matched buy orders and sell orders [col. 23 lines 59-60].

Lawrence discloses transmitting all trading orders using the computer wherein the buy orders and the sell orders are matched and authorized for broadcast to each of the plurality of clients and buyer dealers that are matched without disclosing an identity of each of the client and the buyer dealer associated with each trading order being broadcast [col. 3 line 40 through col. 4 line 10; col. 5 lines 30-32; col. 8 lines 3-8; col. 16 lines 22-30]. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the disclosure of McCausland and include authorizing broadcast of at least part of the submitted orders to plurality of traders; transmitting the submitted orders authorized for broadcast using the computer to each of the plurality of traders without disclosing an identity of each trader associated with each order being broadcast, as disclosed by Lawrence, to enable the traders to distribute the list of bids/offer to authorized counterparties for their evaluation and accepting/rejecting the deal to consummate the trade.

Hughes discloses enabling the plurality of clients to anonymously perform a query for different types of bond instruments [Hughes - Figure 11 and associated description; col. 1 lines 30-34; col. 21 lines 6-32]. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the

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disclosure of McCausland and Lawrence and include the above feature, as disclosed by Hughes, to generate list of different candidates based on their orders and CUSIP to be forwarded for matching server's matching routine for determining when the two orders match and should be forwarded for execution.

Claims 58-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCausland in view of Jain et al. (hereinafter Jain US 6,343,278).

Re. Claim 58, McCausland discloses enabling a seller to anonymously submit a sell order for a bond instrument over a computer network to potential traders of bond instruments comprising at least one buyer; and enabling a buyer to anonymously submit a buy order for the bond instrument over a computer network [see entire document-particularly col. 1 line 47 to col. 2 line 30; col. 1 lines 35-65 also see "primary dealers ... each other anonymously; col. 2 lines 5-20 "match a previous offer ..."], and matching buy orders to sell orders using a price/time priority [col. 2 lines 50-65]; matching using a computer the buy orders and the sell orders using at least one of a price priority and time priority in combination with at least one of predetermined order conditions comprising at least one of: a "Fill or Kill" order condition by immediately filling the order in its entirety or by canceling the order when the order is not immediately filled; an "All or None" order condition by filling the entire quantity of the order; a "Minimum Fill" order condition by initially filling a first quantity and wherein the remaining balance has no conditions unless specified; a "Lots Of" order condition by setting a condition of

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minimum execution in lots; a "Show Only" order condition by managing the display of quantity; a "Good Until a time of day" order condition by setting the time of order expiration in terms of a time of day; a "Good For a period of time" order condition by setting the time of order expiration in terms of hours and minutes; and a "Quantity" order condition by including the remaining quantity [McCausland - col. 2 lines 50-65; col. 22 line 40 through col. 23 line 30]; displaying all received trading orders forwarded from a controller for broadcast; submitting a completed trading order to a central controller under control of a seller or a buyer [McCausland - col. 23 lines 59-60 - send; trader is a user/buyer/seller too]; executing automatically a trading order upon selection by a seller or a buyer of a particular bid or offer being displayed [col. 1 lines 30-35; col. 22 line 40 through col. 24 line 5]; and

creating an audit trail for each order that includes creating an immutable record of every order modification [col. 13 lines 59-67; col. 21 lines 45-50].

McCausland *does not explicitly disclose* wherein the seller can control the amount of the order that is disclosed to the potential traders.

Jain discloses wherein the seller can control the amount of the order that is disclosed to the potential traders [Jain - Figure 1; col. 1 lines 12-38; col. 8 line 54 through col. 9 line 19; col. 11 lines 34-57 – see “amount actually available in the market may be only a fraction of what is shown on his display”]. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the disclosure of McCausland and include enabling a user to submit an order and control an amount of the order that is disclosed to other traders, as disclosed by Jain to

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control the price of security and avoid having a negative impact on the market price of the security.

Re. Claim 59, McCausland discloses wherein said controller forwards all trading orders authorized for broadcast to without disclosing an identity of each seller or buyer associated with each trading order being broadcast [McCausland - col. 23 lines 59-60 - without disclosing an identity, inherent in anonymous system].

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HARISH T. DASS whose telephone number is (571)272-6793. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:50 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Abdi Kambiz can be reached on 571-272-6702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Harish T Dass/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3692

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